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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL HARVEY ROFFMAN

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1. ATTITUDE USSR EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, AND PRODINTORG, MOSCOW, TOWARD PROPOSED VISIT NOT UNUSUAL. SOVIET AG COUNSELOR KONYGIN APPEARS RELUCTANT TO JEOPARDIZE RELATIONS WITH U. S. AGRI- BUSINESS BY NEGATIVE RESPONSE, THUS PLACING ONUS OF FOOT DRAGGING ON MOSCOW ORGANIZATIONS.

2. AS PRODINTORG STATE MONOPOLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN TRADE IN ANIMAL PRODUCTS, THEIR COOPERATION ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS PROPOSED VISIT. THERE WOULD APPEAR LITTLE TO BE GAINED FROM VISIT IF PRODINTORG CLEARLY UNRECEPTIVE.

3. AG ATTACHE NOT SANGUINE CONCERNING SALES PROSPECTS U. S. POWDERED EGGS, BEEF OFFALS, AND CATTLE FEET TO USSR. BUT GIVEN STRINGENCY CURRENT LIVESTOCK SITUATION AND CUTBACK IN 1973 MEAT PRODUCTION PLAN, SOVIET UNION MIGHT ENTER MARKET FOR U. S. ANIMAL PRODUCTS IF PRICES ATTRACTIVE.
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